

We claim:

1. An image capturing device, comprising:  
a display screen integrally formed on a surface of said image capturing device;  
a cover capable of being positioned over said display screen and capable of being retracted away from said display screen; and  
a guide device that retains said cover against said surface of said image capturing device.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein said cover comprises a segmented cover including a plurality of vertical segments, with said plurality of vertical segments being flexibly joined to each other.
3. The device of claim 1, further comprising a protrusion formed on said cover.
4. The device of claim 1, further comprising a protrusion or recess formed on said cover and wherein said protrusion or recess is part of a camera gripping area when said cover is retracted.
5. The device of claim 1, wherein said cover remains outside said image capturing device when retracted.

6. The device of claim 1, wherein said guide device comprises a pair of grooves formed in said image capturing device along said display screen and wherein said cover slides in said pair of grooves.

7. The device of claim 1, wherein said guide device comprises a pair of linear tracks formed as part of a surface of said image capturing device and wherein said cover moves along said surface.

8. The device of claim 1, wherein said cover is manually positioned over said display screen and is manually retracted away from said display screen.

9. The device of claim 2, wherein said guide device comprises a pair of partially curved tracks formed as part of an exterior surface of said image capturing device, with said exterior surface including a curved portion and wherein said cover moves along said exterior surface.

10. The device of claim 2, further comprising an opening in said image capturing device of a size and location to allow said cover to pass into said image capturing device when said cover is retracted and wherein said guide device comprises a pair of tracks including curved portions that curve into an interior region of said image capturing device.

11. The device of claim 1, wherein said cover comprises two or more pieces.

12. The device of claim 1, wherein said cover comprises two or more pieces and said two or more pieces are mechanically linked so that retraction of a particular cover piece retracts all other cover pieces.

13. The device of claim 1, further comprising an integrated electrical switch that is activated by a retraction motion of said cover.

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14. A cover adapted for use with a display screen of an image capturing device, comprising:

a segmented cover capable of being manually positioned over said display screen and capable of being manually retracted away from said display screen;

a guide device that retains said segmented cover against a back surface of said image capturing device; and

a protrusion formed on said segmented cover.

15. The cover of claim 14, said segmented cover including a plurality of vertical segments, with said plurality of vertical segments being flexibly joined to each other.

16. The cover of claim 14, wherein said segmented cover remains outside said image capturing device when retracted.

17. The cover of claim 14, wherein said guide device comprises a pair of grooves formed in said image capturing device along said display screen and wherein said segmented cover slides in said pair of grooves.

18. The cover of claim 14, wherein said guide device comprises a pair of linear tracks formed as part of a surface of said image capturing device and wherein said segmented cover moves along said surface.

19. The cover of claim 14, wherein said guide device comprises a pair of partially curved tracks formed as part of an exterior surface of said image capturing device, with said exterior surface including a curved portion and wherein said segmented cover moves along said exterior surface.

20. The cover of claim 14, further comprising an opening in said image capturing device of a size and location to allow said segmented cover to pass into said image capturing device when said segmented cover is retracted and wherein said guide device comprises a pair of tracks including curved portions that curve into an interior region of said image capturing device.